Mayor Kincannon called the Council Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. After the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, roll call was taken with Flynn, Price, Gregory, Karpinski, Honer, and Smith present.

**Karpinski moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2024, Committee of the Whole meeting as written, which was seconded by Gregory;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Smith moved to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2024, Council meeting as written, which was seconded by Price;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

**Flynn moved to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2024, public hearing as written, which was seconded by Smith;** 6 yeas; motion passed.

***Public Participation:***

State representative candidate Brenda Buchanan introduced herself. She is from Columbia Township and is running for district 54.

Denny Smith mentioned that there are hawks in the area.

***Mayor’s Report:***

Mayor Kincannon shared the following:

1. An email was sent as if it was from the mayor.
2. Kincannon asked John Taylor about the Taylor property at the end of Taylor. The neighborhood has been taking care of the property. Taylor’s son lives out of state. Solicitor Breunig will investigate options.
3. On Wednesday, Kincannon, Gates, and Ruhl met with Todd Brandenberg from RCAP via telephone. They also spoke with Millard from Metron on Thursday. Both calls were about the replacement of water meters.
4. KATS hall of fame signs are $175 ($25 each) if the group (not village) wants to contribute to one again this year.
5. The June violations’ bureau report reflects 34 tickets totaling $4,745 with $3,614 going to the village.

***Police Chief’s Report:***

Chief Laubenthal reported that 2024 National Night Out will be on Tuesday, August 6th. Handouts were provided to the mayor and council members. He is hoping for a better turn out this year.

He then provided the following statistics for the period of June 27th through July 24th:

a. There were 26 non-criminal requests for assistance.

b. There were 14 criminal complaints / investigations - 0 felonies; 1 misdemeanor; 0 juvenile charges. They included 1 arrest on warrant, 9 animal complaints, 1 stolen vehicle, 1 assault, 1 noise, and 1 soliciting without a permit.

c. There were 148 traffic-related incidents including 2 crash investigations, 44 operating and equipment charges, and 132 warnings.

d. There were 3 parking violations issued and 2 warnings issued.

***Solicitor’s Report:***

Solicitor Breunig is going through the codified ordinances reviewing permit fees, fines, etc. He will share more at the next meeting.

***Village Administrator’s Report:***

Village Administrator Gates reported on the following:

1. Both pumps went down at the U. S. Grant and Granger lift stations on Monday. The backup pump was installed and pumping within an hour. Pump 1 is operational; we are still working on pump 2 (suction issue).
2. We met with the contractor and went over the Railroad Street resurfacing project. The catch basins were ordered and are about 8 weeks out. The project will start after the catch basins come in.
3. Gates met with the Public Entities Pool for our annual insurance review. They were impressed with what we have done with our buildings. We do not have any violations.

Honer asked about the maintenance building roof project. The project should start in August.

***Fiscal Officer’s Report:***

In Fiscal Officer Homer-Miller’s absence, Kim Ruhl read the following:

1. After submitting a reimbursement request through Kleinfelder, we received $30,239.83 from the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) for expenses we incurred in 2023 and the first half of 2024 for the Railroad Street project.
2. A resolution is being presented under new business for the State of Ohio to reimburse the Village for the pump replacement project.
3. We received $2,594.58 from Ohio’s 2024 eclipse disaster relief fund. We applied for $3,409.

Kincannon asked Gates if Steve Lang is still our engineer. Kleinfelder is still our engineering firm. Bob Desmond and Bridget are taking over from Steve Lang. Steve or Bridget should be present at future Planning Commission meetings.

***Old Business:***

Ordinance 2024-2549 --- AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 201.03, CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE, OHIO, KNOWN AS THE ZONING MAP, TO REZONE REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE AND LOCATED AT THE INTERSECTION OF LIBERTY STREET AND SCHOOL STREET IN THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE, LORAIN COUNTY, OHIO, FROM A ID-1 INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT TO A CB-1 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT --- This was the second reading.

***New Business:***

**Resolution 2024-1016** ---A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE OFFICIAL INTENT AND REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF THE VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE ON BEHALF OF THE STATE OF OHIO (THE BORROWER) TO REIMBURSE ITS SEWER FUND FOR THE WATER AND WASTEWATER PUMP REPLACEMENT OPWC PROJECT NUMBER CI52Z-CI53Z WITH THE PROCEEDS OF TAX-EXEMPT DEBT OF THE STATE OF OHIO --- This was the first reading.

***Miscellaneous Business:***

N/A

***Committee Reports*:**

1. Park Board – Kincannon reported the following:
2. Trick or treat on the trail is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 25th and 26th, between 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.
3. If there is no township employee at the park, then ours is pulled.
4. The township wants paperwork kept on the cloud going forward. The township is providing the park board with a computer. Denny Smith asked about the length of time park records are to be retained. Breunig stated that it depends on the items in question.
5. Planning Commission – Price reported that there was no meeting; so, there is no report. Kincannon stated that a zoning board of appeals meeting was held on the 24th concerning the Loperwood firearms license; a quorum was not present to vote on the matter.
6. LCIC – Flynn reported that there was no meeting; so, there is no report.

***Presentation of Bills:***

The Fiscal Officer presented the list of warrants and electronic payments issued between July 12 and 25, 2024, totaling $104,470.11 per the payment listing provided. **Gregory moved to accept, which was seconded by Karpinski**; 6 yeas; motion passed.

There being no further business, **Smith moved to adjourn, which was seconded by Karpinski**; 6 yeas; motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Gary R. Kincannon, Mayor Christie Homer-Miller, Fiscal Officer